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RECYCLING ROUTE THIS WEEK

BULLETIN

■ Special parking regulations will be in effect for the next two months as the town begins repaving sections of Mass. Ave. The repaving will extend from Franklin Street in Arlington Center to the Cambridge city line and will last for approximately six weeks. Work is slated to begin early next week. As sections of the road are repaved, parking in the designated work area will be barred. Workers plan to start at Franklin Street and make their way toward Cambridge on the right hand side of Mass. Ave., then turn around and pave the other side of the town's central artery.

COMING EVENTS

■ Noted author Erica Jong will be reading from and signing copies of her new book, "Fear of Fifty," at Royal Discount Bookstores, 485 Mass Ave., on Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. Jong is a poet, novelist, essayist and author of six best-selling novels, including "Fear of Flying" and "How to Save Your Own Life." For more Coming Events, see page 7B.

CLUB NEWS

■ The Arlington Emblem Club will be holding a Christmas in July Party on Saturday, July 16, at the Arlington Lodge of Elks, 56 Pond Lane, to benefit the Arlington Food Pantry. A buffet will be served and there will be dancing to the tunes of D.J. Ron Russell as well as a visit from Santa. A donation of \$8 and one non-perishable food item will serve as admittance to this evening. For more information or to order tickets, call chairman Pat Gardner at 776-1935.

SPORTS



■ The throw to Curtis Minns of the Arlington American League all-stars arrives too late as Andrew Senesi of the National League team reaches the base first during district playoff competition held last weekend between the local teams. The Nationals won 8-7 in the double-elimination tournament competition. For more sports, please see B-section. (Advocate photo by Chris Bentley.)

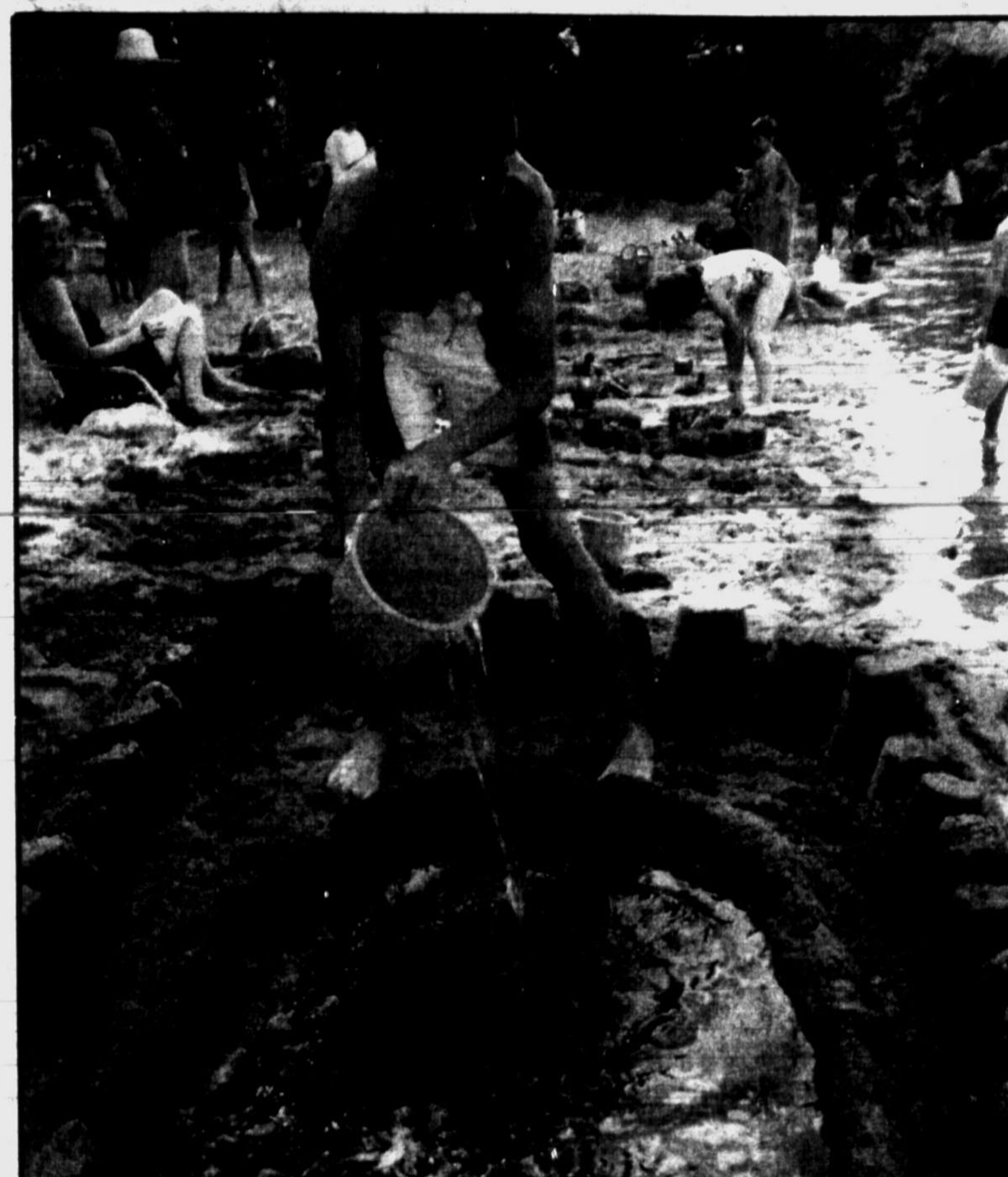
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SAND CASTLING



ADVOCATE PHOTO BY ART ILLMAN

Benjamin Trocki, 11, fills his moat during the annual sandcastle building contest held last Thursday at Reservoir Beach. Trocki worked with co-architect Jed Cyr. The Arlington Recreation Department named contest winners. For details, see page 12A.

Seven restaurants seeking beer, wine licenses

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

Seven restaurants have applied for licenses to serve beer and wine and are preparing for public hearings next month in front of the Board of Selectmen.

The establishments are the first to enter a process set up as a result of last spring's townwide referendum in which voters approved granting beer and wine licenses to small restaurants.

Selectmen drew up a list of requirements in May for local restaurants to meet in order to be eligible to serve beer and wine, including that food be served with the beverages, and that restaurants seat at least 19 patrons.

The board voted Monday night to initiate processing for the seven applications that have been filed. Restaurants are now required to notify abutters — nearby businesses or residences — of their intentions to seek a beer and wine license.

Though debate over the merits of individual applications was held until the August public hearings, Selectman Charles Lyons voiced his concerns about one application. Lyons indicated he might oppose a license for China Cafe, which at 852 Mass. Ave. is in proximity to Arlington High School.

East Arlington Town Meeting member Elsie Fiore, who attended Monday's board meeting, also noted that four of the seven applicants are in East Arlington.

In addition to China Cafe, which is owned by Tsung Wen Chau and Ping Chien Chau of Cambridge, the following restaurants are seeking beer and wine licenses:

■ Cafe Barada, 161 Mass. Ave., owned by Yousef K. Salameh of Cambridge;

■ Picasso's Restaurant, 352 Mass. Ave., owned by Paul T. Mecrone of Lexington;

■ Arlington Restaurant and Diner, 138 Mass. Ave., owned by Kyriakos and Asimula Kazakides of Watertown;

■ Peter's Kitchen, 166 Mass. Ave., owned by Teddy Piandes and John Antonopoulos of Arlington;

■ Casa Cucina, 102 Summer St., owned by Peter Sifneos of Arlington; and

■ China Connection, 1379 Mass. Ave., owned by Hon Hung Chan and Mohar Lee of Norwood.

Currently there are three Arlington restaurants that hold full liquor licenses: Jimmy's Steer House at 1111 Mass. Ave., Garron's Restaurant at 645 Mass. Ave., and Shanghai Village at 434 Mass. Ave.

Full liquor licenses are only available to restaurants that seat more than 90 patrons.

The town has set a \$100 filing fee for the beer and wine licenses. The annual license fee is set at \$100. The Board of Selectmen is scheduled to begin hearings on the applications at the August 15 meeting.

Colorful cockatiel is a mysterious visitor

By KI Bassett
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

Early Sunday morning on her way back from attending church at St Agnes parish, Isabelle Cusolito stopped to admire the recently bloomed yellow lillies growing alongside Montrose Avenue.

At such a moment, one might expect to see a butterfly bouncing from bud to bud or a chipmunk scampering about. But what Isabelle saw was more exotic.

She spied the colorful plumage of a tropical bird jutting out from among the flowers. There sitting rigid and quiet among the lillies was a brightly colored cockatiel.

"I looked down on the ground and there was this beautiful bird sitting absolutely still. At first I thought it was a stuffed animal but then it blinked its eyes and I knew it was real," said Cusolito.

Cusolito ran to a neighbor's house to retrieve a box in order to transport the bird safely back to her home. She said she worried that the neighborhood cats would make the cockatiel their next meal if she didn't get it off the street. Later that evening another Richfield Street neighbor donated a cage. Now, in his

home away from home, the cockatiel voraciously dined on a bowl of wild birdseed that the Cusolitos had around the house. It was Isabelle's guess that the cockatiel had gone without food for some time.

"The bird ate it up pretty quick," she said. "It was very hungry."

Because of the holiday Fourth of July weekend, the Cusolitos were not able to call the pet shop to learn how to properly care for their new-found pet until Tuesday.

"We brought the cockatiel to the Village Pet Shoppe in Arlington. We learned the bird was a male because he could tell by its vivid colors of yellow and orange. The owner told us the bird was in good shape and suggested we feed it cockatiel birdseed rich in nutrients and vegetables and fruits," said Isabelle Cusolito. "He even gave it some pet candy and some bird toys for its cage."

For now the cockatiel is getting preferential treatment; a decent size cage situated on the back porch overlooking the yard, the sounds of light rock coming from one of the easy listening radio stations and lots of attention from the Cusolitos' grandchildren. But Isabelle and Richard are anxious to find the FOUND BIRD, See page 14A.



Richard Cusolito peers into the cage of a new-found cockatiel. The Cusolitos plan to care for the bird until it is claimed by its owner.

Manager to tap DelGaizo as police director

By Dave Denison
ADVOCATE STAFF WRITER

The top job at the police department has been offered to Captain Eugene DelGaizo, the town manager said this week.

DelGaizo was appointed Acting Director of Police Services by Town Manager Donald Marquis effective July 2. Police director John Carroll retired on July 1 after almost 20 years on the job.

Marquis told the Board of Selectmen Monday night that he intends to appoint DelGaizo, a 27-year-veteran of the Arlington force, to the permanent position in coming months.

But DelGaizo wanted a few questions answered about the job before the new title becomes official, Marquis told the Advocate.

Town Counsel John Maher received a list of questions from DelGaizo about the civil service status of top jobs in the police department.

At issue was whether the town's police director can hold the job of "police chief" and be considered a civil service worker. Maher said this week, Maher and Marquis maintain that the position is not a civil service job.

"It's a big difference," Maher said. Civil service employees cannot be terminated without going through an established set of procedures. The town manager has more discretion over appointing and removing non-civil-service workers.

"It's a matter of philosophical difference, depending on where you sit, whether that's good or bad," Maher said.

Civil service protections can reduce the influence of political patronage. POLICE DIRECTOR, See page 14A.

New hires raise town total to 83 firefighters

By KI Bassett
SPECIAL TO THE ADVOCATE

The Arlington Fire Department hasn't seen this many new hires since World War II.

In the past month, 10 new recruits have joined the department, bringing its total to 83 firefighters.

With firefighters taking advantage of early retirement and men out on disability, 16 positions have opened in the last year. Yet after this spring's Town Meeting, four of the 16 positions were cut due to financial constraints.

The Fire Department has decided to fill only 10 of the 12 remaining positions, according to Fire Services Director Perry Cayton.

"We are not looking to fill these other two positions because we can't afford to. By leaving these positions open, it acts as a buffer to help pay for the other hires' vacation or sick leave," said Cayton.

The department is required to have a minimum of 15 firefighters on duty at all times. If for some reason FIREFIGHTERS, See page 13A.

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LIBRARY NEWS



Puppets Troupe slated for July 27

On July 27 at 10:30 a.m., children ages 4 to 12 are invited to attend a performance by the Galapagos Puppets Troupe at the Hardy School. They will perform "Fire Cloud Cave," a Chinese episode from "Journey to the West," one of China's oldest and best loved

stories. No sign up is needed. This is made possible by the Anne A. Russell Children's Educational and Cultural Enrichment Fund.

Stories and a craft program are a part of the summer program at Robbins Library. Call or sign up in person at the Children's Desk.

Drop-in stories for 3- to 5-year olds are held at the Fox Branch Library in July. They will be on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fox seeks volunteers

Fox Branch Library, 175 Massachusetts Ave., needs volunteers for two-hour time periods to help shelf books,

keep the shelves neat and to be a presence in the library when only one person is on duty. The library particularly needs people between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, although help at other times is always welcome. A basic knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and the ability to bend and stretch a bit are important. A commitment of at least three months to a regular time slot is requested so that a reliable schedule can be established. If you can volunteer for a two-hour time slot, call Page Lindsay at the Fox Library, 641-5490. Fox Branch hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 9 p.m.

CABLE TV



(All programs shown on Arlington Community Television, public access Channel 3, unless otherwise noted.)

Thursday, July 14:

4 p.m. GED, Spanish
5 p.m. Destinos
6 p.m. State House Report
6:30 p.m. Beyond the Classroom
7 p.m. Cable Spotlight
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth
8:30 p.m. When the Race is Over
9 p.m. Living Unlimited
10 p.m. Hal Koltin Show

Friday, July 15:

10 a.m. Golden Opportunities
10:30 a.m. The Front Page
11:30 a.m. Cable Cuisine
12 p.m. Video Shortcuts
12:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting
3 p.m. Fidelity House Gymnastics Re-

cital- Kindergarten and first grade
5 p.m. Arlington Library Dedication
8 p.m. The Arlington Ear
10 p.m. The Arlington Ear

Saturday, July 16:

10 a.m. Arlington Public Library Cutting
12 p.m. Talking Sports
1 p.m. Art in Arlington
2 p.m. GED English
3 p.m. GED Spanish
4 p.m. Destinos
5 p.m. Faces
10 p.m. The Missing Tooth
Sunday, July 17:
10 a.m. Live From the Pleasant Street Church
11:30 a.m. The Missing Tooth
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth

Monday, July 18:

4 p.m. GED, English
5 p.m. Faces of Culture
6 p.m. Golden Opportunities
6:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts
7 p.m. Paws for Adoption
7:30 p.m. Continental At Your Service

Tuesday, July 19:

8 p.m. Live, Community TV Update - David Cassidy Special
8:30 p.m. Fidelity House Gymnastics Recital - Grade 2 and up
10 p.m. Talking Sports
Wednesday, July 20:
4 p.m. GED, English
5 p.m. Faces of Culture
6 p.m. Golden Opportunities
6:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts
7 p.m. Paws for Adoption
7:30 p.m. Continental At Your Service

Thursday, July 21:

8 p.m. Town Hall Topics
8:30 p.m. Forever Baseball
9 p.m. On Line
9:30 p.m. Arlington Philharmonic

7:30 p.m. Online
8 p.m. Sports Replay, AHS Hockey Playoffs

Tuesday, July 25:

4 p.m. GED, Spanish
5 p.m. Destinos
6 p.m. Ready, Willing, Enable
6:30 p.m. Educational Forum
7 p.m. The Front Page

Wednesday, July 26:

4 p.m. GED, English

5 p.m. Faces of Culture

6 p.m. Golden Opportunities

6:30 p.m. Video Shortcuts

7 p.m. Paws for Adoption

7:30 p.m. Continental At Your Service

8 p.m. Town Hall Topics

8:30 p.m. Forever Baseball

9 p.m. On Line

9:30 p.m. Arlington Philharmonic

Meetings

Thursday, July 14

The Conservation Commission will meet at 7:45 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 20

The Permanent Town Building Committee is scheduled to meet at 3 p.m. in the Robbins Library conference room.

Thursday, July 21

The Human Rights Commission is scheduled to meet at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 25

The Redevelopment Board will meet at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, August 9

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NEWS NOTES

CLUB NEWS



Retired Men's Club meets Wednesdays

The Retired Men's Club of Arlington, as of this month, begins its 16th year. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Coffee and donuts are available before the meeting, which starts promptly at 10 a.m. New members are always welcome. Meetings are held at the parish hall of Immaculate Conception Church, Route 16, Cambridge. A day trip to Foxwoods Casino on July 21 is scheduled, however, bingo will not be available. For information on day or overnight trips call John Saccia at 396-0261.

AARP has upcoming trips

Fall and summer trips for AARP Chapter 1255 are as follows:

Aug. 18, return to Independence Harbor, Astaton, featuring the Shannanigans. Cost is \$33.

Sept. 26, fall mystery trip. Choice of chicken marsala or roast sirloin of beef. Cost: \$39.

Oct. 31, Halloween in the Berkshires. Includes browsing at the Lenox country shops; lunch at the Lenox House; then narrated tour of the area, including macabre and mystery stories of the darker side of the Berkshires. Cost: \$41.

Oct. 8, eight days in Myrtle Beach. First and last nights in Fredericksburg, Va. Five nights deluxe accommodations on the beach. Deposit of \$100 due July 19. Cost: \$549. Balance due Aug. 24.

For reservations call Pauline, at 641-1507, or Dorothy, at 646-4790.

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ARLINGTON NEWS

TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Board receives \$500 for 'Trees Please' fund

Artist Susan Cohen Thompson presented a check for \$500 to the Board of Selectmen Monday night to help the town plant more trees.

Cohen Thompson has developed a line of greeting cards depicting species of trees existing in Arlington and has devoted proceeds from card sales to the town's "Trees Please" fund.

The artist informed the board that the town currently has about 18,000 trees, down from about 20,000 a year ago. She urged continued tree plantings for the health and beauty of the town.

Selectman Stephen Gilligan noted that the town lost about 90 trees when Hurricane Bob hit a couple of years ago. Town Manager Donald Marquis said the town received federal funds which went into the "Trees Please" fund after the hurricane.

"We plant trees as much as we can," Marquis said, though he conceded the town may have had a net loss in the last year. "We will continue to try to go back to that policy," he said.

Cohen Thompson, who recently moved to South Natick, has had a studio in Arlington for several years. Her original drawings of Arlington trees will be on exhibit at the Jefferson Cutler House in Arlington center in August, she told the board.

Moving ahead on Mass. Ave. site

East Arlington activist Elsie Fiore told Selectmen Monday night that she believes Lexington developer William Marley is moving too quickly with current plans to build on the former Arrow Pontiac site on Mass. Ave. near the Cambridge line. She noted that Town Meeting last year voted to proceed with a study of the Mass. Ave. business corridor and said that Marley's plans are "in violation of the spirit of the Mass. Ave. corridor study."

Town Counsel John Maher said that

though Town Meeting commissioned the study, the study did not impose a moratorium on business development.

Though a controversial McDonald's apparently has been dropped from the site plans, Marley is now discussing a car wash and retail store development.

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Town Manager Marquis said plans for the main floor now call for 20 percent of the space to be used for town offices and 80 percent for library services.

I don't think this is a case where the library will be secondary," Marquis said.

There's no creep intended, I planned," said board chairman Kevin Greeley.

Private way becomes increasingly public

Among several complaints to Selectmen this week about renovations at the Fox, there was one about bicyclists.

Stephen Sullivan appealed to Selectmen on behalf of his 90 year old grandmother Agnes Crowley of 7 Brattle

Drive, to exclude bicyclists from the private way which is now linked to the Minuteman Bikeway.

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ARLINGTON TREES

Artist Susan Cohen Thompson prepares to present Board of Selectman chairman Kevin Greeley with a \$500 check for the town's "Trees Please" fund as her artwork is held up for meeting attendees to see.

ADVOCATE PHOTO BY DAVE DENISON

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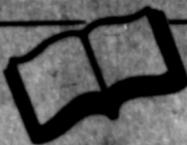
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Stories and a craft program are a part of the summer program at Robbins Library. Call or sign up in person at the Children's Desk.

Drop-in stories for 3- to 5-year olds are held at the Fox Branch Library in July. They will be on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fox seeks
volunteers

Fox Branch Library, 175 Massachusetts Ave., needs volunteers for two-hour time periods to help shelve books,

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keep the shelves neat and to be a presence in the library when only one person is on duty. The library particularly needs people between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, although help at other times is always welcome. A basic knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and the ability to bend and stretch a bit are important. A commitment of at least three months to a regular time slot is requested so that a reliable schedule can be established. If you can volunteer for a two-hour time slot, call Page Lindsay at the Fox Library, 641-5400. Fox Branch hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 9 p.m.

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Thursday, July 14:

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6:30 p.m. Beyond the Classroom
7 p.m. Cable Spotlight
8 p.m. The Missing Tooth
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Friday, July 15:
10 a.m. Golden Opportunities
10:30 a.m. The Front Page
11:30 a.m. Cable Cuisine
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ARLINGTON NEWS

TOWN HALL ROUNDUP

Board receives \$500 for 'Trees Please' fund

Artist Susan Cohen Thompson presented a check for \$500 to the Board of Selectmen Monday night to help the town plant more trees.

Cohen Thompson has developed a line of greeting cards depicting species of trees existing in Arlington and has devoted proceeds from card sales to the town's "Trees Please" fund.

The artist informed the board that the town currently has about 18,000 trees, down from about 20,000 a year ago. She urged continued tree plantings for the health and beauty of the town.

Selectman Stephen Gilligan noted that the town lost about 90 trees when Hurricane Bob hit a couple of years ago. Town Manager Donald Marquis said the town received federal funds which went into the Trees Please fund after the hurricane.

"We plant trees as much as we can," Marquis said, though he conceded the town may have had a net loss in the last year. "We will continue to try to go back to that policy," he said.

Cohen Thompson, who recently moved to South Natick, has had a studio in Arlington for several years. Her original drawings of Arlington trees will be on exhibit at the Jefferson Cutler House in Arlington center in August, she told the board.

Moving ahead on Mass. Ave. site

East Arlington activist Elsie Fiore told Selectmen Monday night that she believes Lexington developer William Marley is moving too quickly with current plans to build on the former Arrow Pontiac site on Mass. Ave. near the Cambridge line. She noted that Town Meeting last year voted to proceed with a study of the Mass. Ave. business corridor and said that Marley's plans are "in violation of the spirit of the Mass. Ave. corridor study."

Town Counsel John Maher said that

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SCHOOL NEWS**Dallin School visits Spellman stamp museum**

Fifth graders from the Cyrus E. Dallin School spent a day at the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum in Weston last month. They learned about stamps and stamp collecting with talks by the staff, and watched a movie about United States stamp production. They saw the show of music on stamps currently on view in the museum's gallery and had a tour of the library. Present and future collectors had a chance to buy stamps at the museum store. A collecting workshop involving world maps and stamps concluded the visit.

The Spellman Museum is a nonsectarian, nonprofit institution devoted to postage stamps and postal history. Exhibitions from its four-million item global collection are always on display. Children's activities include in-school programs teaching geography with stamps, and the Ben Franklin Club, which meets free of charge on the second Sunday of each month except July and August. The museum has its own stamp store and U.S. post office — open on Sundays. Its monthly newsletter/magazine features articles and commentary about philately and the museum. The museum also publishes books by scholars, historians and members. A dealers' Show and Bourse takes place on the third Sunday of each month.

Located at 235 Wellesley St., Weston, on the campus of Regis College, admission is free. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Kindergarten holds class event

The Rogers-Pierce Children's Center recently hosted parents and friends at its kindergarten class graduation. The class entertained the guests with songs and their own version of "Rumplestiltskin." An array of goodies baked by the graduates and their younger schoolmates followed the program.

Diplomas given by teacher Barbie Mills, were awarded to Jake Conaty, Alan Downey, Eric Giovannucci, Michael Leonard, Brigid Pierce and Jeffrey Rovinelli.

The Rogers-Pierce Children's Center, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, serves children age 2 years, 9 months through kindergarten in a multi-cultural setting. For information on the program call 646-5280.

Spaces available in Covenant kindergarten

Covenant School, an independent K through eighth grade Christian school in Arlington, has a few spaces left in its kindergarten class for the fall of 1994.

Covenant's morning-only kindergarten provides a warm, secure, friendly and stimulating learning environment. Class size is limited to eight students and tuition is less than many day care programs.

For more information call Brian Emmet at 641-1481.

Bunker Hill offers nursing program

Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) may become registered nurses (RNs) in one year in a program which will start at the Chelsea campus of Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) of Boston in January of 1995.

In order to qualify for the option, students must apply for acceptance to the nursing program through the admissions office at the Charlestown and Chelsea campuses before the start of the fall semester in September, fulfill the admission requirements, successfully complete the Nursing Semester I Challenge in the fall of 1994 and the required general education courses.

In addition, they must have taken anatomy and physiology I and II, microbiology, psychology 101 and a college semester of algebra.

The LPN part-time evening option at the Chelsea campus will encompass one calendar year of nursing courses. This part-time evening program will enable the student to achieve an associate degree in nursing from BHCC. Upon graduation from the program, students will be eligible to take the registered nurse licensure examination.

For more information on the LPN option call the admissions office at 241-8600, Ext. 235 (Charlestown), or 889-5111 (Chelsea).

Summer courses held at Minuteman Tech

A SAT and PSAT Verbal Preparation Course is offered at Minuteman Tech summer school from July 18 to 29. There are morning or afternoon sessions, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., or 12:10 to 3 p.m.

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The course tuition is \$215; books and materials \$36. For registration and information, call Minuteman Tech Community Education at 861-7150, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or the instructor in the evenings at 721-1065. References are available.

EDUCATION**ABOUT ARLINGTON PEOPLE****Perkins graduates from Carleton College**

Theodore Perkins of Arlington received the bachelor of arts degree in computer science magna cum laude with distinction from Carleton College during Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 11. He was recently elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, the national honorary scholastic fraternity founded in 1776, and to Carleton's Chapter of Sigma Xi, a national honorary scientific research society.

He is the son of David and Ann Perkins of Cliff Street, Arlington.

Two distinguished persons received honorary degrees and spoke to the more than 420 graduates at Carleton's 120th Annual Commencement ceremony: Dr. Jane E. Hodgson, a 1934 graduate of Carleton and reproductive rights movement activist, received the doctor of science degree; and Edward "Bud" Jacobson, who graduated magna cum laude from Carleton in 1942 and went on to a career as a lawyer, civic activist and patron of the arts in the Phoenix, Ariz., area, received the doctor of humane letters degree.

Ranked among the nation's top liberal arts institutions, Carleton is a private, co-educational college of 1,750 students, located 40 miles south of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Reposa graduates at Salem State

William F. Reposa, son of Edward J. Reposa of Cleveland Street, received his degree from Salem State College during recent commencement ceremonies held in the Rockett Arena of the O'Keefe Sports Center.

B.U. names graduates from Arlington

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 4,304 students during commencement exercises on Sunday, May 16.

Receiving degrees were Arlington residents **John J. Barry**, master of science in occupational therapy (two-year program); **Anne Marie Callagy**, master of social work and public health; **A.D. Cappella**, doctor of education in English and language arts; **Laura Carter**, master of education in bilingual education; **Thomas Clampa**, juris doctor in law; **Poppea Dorsam**, master of music in string performance; **Gerald P. Fine III**, bachelor of arts in political science; **David L. Furman**, bachelor of science in communication disorders, summa cum laude; **Rose M. Gale-Zoellick**, master of social work and public health in health.

Students maintained at least a 3.3 grade point average to receive this honor.

services; **Suzanne Gouveia**, juris doctor in law.

Also, **Hugh Hall**, juris doctor in law, cum laude; **Cherine A. Hamid**, bachelor of arts in independent concentration, magna cum laude; **Elias V. Hatzis**, bachelor of arts in international relations; **Lisa D. Hernandez**, master of science in computer science; **Kashif S. Husain**, master of arts in international relations; **David P. Hutchinson**, juris doctor in law, magna cum laude; **David A. Lane**, juris doctor in law; **Tessa Lavender**, bachelor of science in business administration and management, cum laude; **Christine W. Lee**, bachelor of science in hospitality administration; **Lori Lekoski**, master of education in educational media and technology.

Also, **Wendy Mackey-Kydd**, master of education in health education; **Christine M. Mahoney**, bachelor of science in communication; **Robert V. McCabe**, master of science in systems engineering; **Rebecca McNitt-Webber**, master of social work; **Edward G. Mills**, master of science in broadcast administration; **David Mischoulon**, doctor of medicine and philosophy in medicine; **Chellise B. Morey**, master of science in broadcast journalism; **Peter J. Morgan**, master of science in computer science; **Margaret Moroney**, master of social work; **Denise A. Murray**, BLS in history.

Also, **Karen E. Norton**, bachelor of fine arts in painting; **Kiyomi Nozawa**, master of education in counseling; **Timothy Ote**, juris doctor in law; **Heeren H. Pathak**, master of science in computer engineering; **Craig E. Riggins**, master of arts in creative writing; **Irene Sokolovsky**, bachelor of arts/master of arts in computer science, magna cum laude; **Kathleen Sullivan**, master of science in rehabilitation counseling.

Elberson awarded for academics

Among the outstanding students recognized at a recent Honors Convocation at Merrimack College in North Andover was **Kathryn P. Elberson** of Arlington, an accounting major.

Presented by Richard J. Santagati, interim president of the college, and Dr. David Walsh, dean of studies, the awards represented high academic achievement.

Dean's list announced at Bridgewater State

The following Arlington residents were named to the dean's list at Bridgewater State College for the spring 1994 semester: **Marie Arena**, a senior early childhood education major; **Rocco A. Blasi Jr.**, a senior aviation science major; **Heather M. McGahan**, a freshman elementary education major; **Karen C. Sheehan**, a senior elementary education major.

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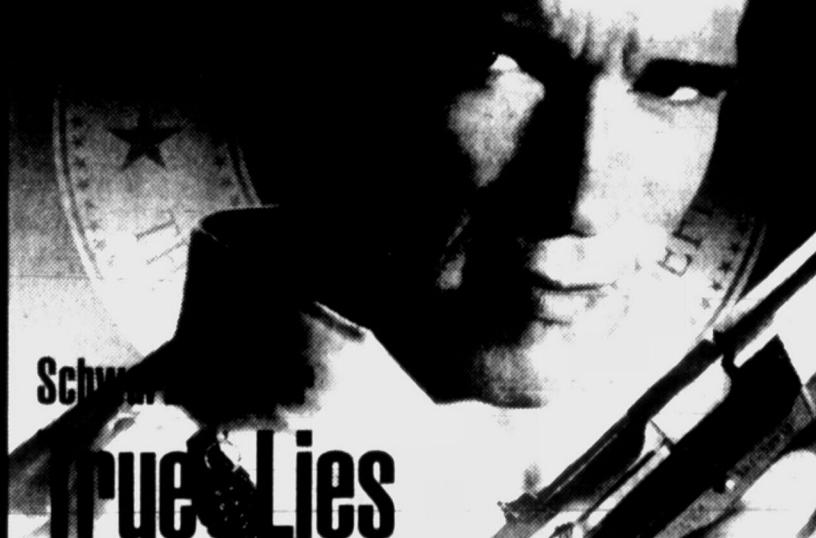
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SENIOR NEWS

ARLINGTON SENIORS ASSOCIATION

Weekly programs

Sponsored by the Arlington Seniors Association, these programs are offered every week at the Senior Center. To join a class or group, call 646-1000, Ext 4740 or 4743.

Monday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge.

Tuesday, 9 to 10 a.m., beginning line dancing; 10 to 11:15 a.m., intermediate line dancing.

Wednesday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., exercise; 10 a.m. to noon, informal knitting; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge; 1 to 3 p.m., beano.

Thursday, 9 to 11 a.m., square dance lessons; 10 a.m. to noon, senior forum; 1:15 to 2:30 p.m., line dance class.

Friday, 9 to 10:30 a.m., yoga; 1 to 4 p.m., contract bridge or other games and pool lessons.

Cribbage

Cribbage instructions are available on Mondays, at 1 p.m. Free.

Sing along

Sing along cancelled until September.

Whist Party

Whist Party will be canceled during June, July and August.

Bridge

Progressive bridge at the Senior Center, Mondays, at 1 p.m. Admission is \$1. Prizes will be awarded.

Family Issues

Dr. Eva Balazs, licensed family therapist invites you to attend the meeting of Family Issues, a discussion group sponsored by the Senior Association of Arlington.

The purpose of this program is a forum where members can examine a number of topics in a caring, supportive environment in total confidentiality.

Sponsored by the Arlington Senior Association, the meetings are free of charge and are open to the residents of Arlington. They are held continuously on Tuesday mornings on the first floor of the Senior Center, 27 Maple St.

Overnight trips

July 31 to Aug. 1: Tanglewood. Cost is \$199 double occupancy. Overnight at Williams Inn, two meals, reserved seating at Tanglewood and admission to Norman Rockwell Museum. Final payment due June 30.

Aug. 12 to 15: Ottawa and the Thousand Island Region. Four days. Cost is \$299 double occupancy, \$389 single.

\$289 triple. Six meals, escorted sightseeing tour of Ottawa and cruise of 1000 Islands. Full payment due July 12.

Nov. 26 to 27: Beacon Christmas Party. Cost is \$125 double occupancy for two days, one night with three meals, live entertainment and a visit from Santa.

For more information, call Betty at 643-6143.

Day trips

Aug. 17: Cape Cod, Hyannis. Lunch and entertainment at Christine's Restaurant (choice of menu, Yankee pot roast or baked stuffed haddock). One hour cruise (Lewis Bay and Hyannis Harbor) and shopping time at Christies Tree Shop on way home. Transportation via Crystal motorcoach. Cost is \$41 for entire package.

ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING

SHINE

Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — COA Health benefits counselors will be at the Council on Aging on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., to provide free confidential assistance with questions on Medicare, Medex, Health Maintenance Organizations, insurance claims forms, prescription drugs, etc. To make an appointment call 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

If, for any reason, you are unable to keep your appointment with SHINE, a call letting us know would be appreciated.

This program is coordinated by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at the Statehouse in Boston.

Project Hire

If you are in need of a companion, homemaker or health aide and you live in Arlington or Lexington, contact June Brooks, Project Hire at COA. Call 646-1000, Ext. 4720 Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 27 Maple Street.

Social Services Notes

If certain personal problems have you or a member of your family troubled, don't keep them to yourself. Our Outreach worker, Mrs. Diane Tainter, a licensed social worker, can help you with short-term counseling, nursing and retirement information. Call Diane Tainter at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

Eating Together Meal Site

Senior Center Luncheon Site, 27 Maple St. Call site manager, 646-1000, Ext. 4747 for reservations and transportation. Drake Village Site, Hauser Bldg.,

37 Drake Village Road. Call the site manager at 648-7500 for reservations and transportation. Reservations are necessary. Menus may change without notice.

Monday, July 18, cream of carrot soup/salisbury steak/gravy; Tuesday, July 19, chicken breast Oriental/sweet potato; Wednesday, July 20, stuffed shells and meat sauce/garden salad; Thursday, July 21, cold sliced turkey/potato salad; Friday, July 22, pork chop/gravy/mashed potato.

TDD/TTY phone number

The COA has a TDD phone for the hearing impaired. Call 648-8130.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to drive for the Meals-on-wheels program in Arlington. Pick your own day. Hours are 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call Lynne at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

Blood pressure screening

The weekly blood pressure screening will be held at the COA on Thursday, July 21, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nurses will check blood pressure and provide counseling for health problems and issues.

Dial-a-ride and coupons

Dial-a-Ride cards and coupons are available at the COA, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you are unable to come in, please mail a check along with your name, address, telephone number, I.D. number (if available) and a stamped self-addressed envelope to COA.

Coupons come in books of five, ten or more (in increments of five). A book of five coupons is \$6.25, a book of 10 is \$12.50. These coupons will be good for the 1994 Dial-A-Ride season.

For more information please call the COA at 646-1000, Ext. 4724.

Help with spring chores

Thanks to sponsorship from W.R. Grace Co. the LINKS program Linking Neighborhood Kids with Senior Citizens will be able to continue again this year. Yard clean-up, pet care (such as walking or grooming), marketing or other errands are some of the services provided by the students. Students are encouraged to work in pairs at a rate of \$3 to \$4 per hour. Seniors interested in requesting services should contact June Brooks at the Council, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 646-1000, Ext. 4724 for more information.

quest to the school coordinator, Dennis Mercurio, who will match seniors with students if they are available.

Hearing screening

The COA and Symmes Hospital are having a free hearing screening on July 19, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the COA, 27 Maple St. The hearing testing will be conducted by a speech pathologist from the rehabilitated services at Symmes Hospital. For an appointment call the COA at 646-1000, Ext. 4720.

MBTA passes

Arlington and Lexington will co-sponsor the MBTA Pass Day. This year it will be held at the Lexington Senior Center, 1475 Mass. Ave., Lexington, located in the dining room, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The registration team will issue picture identifications to seniors who are 65 and over and fully handicapped people under 60. Bring proof of age and \$5 cents for this lifetime pass. No appointments necessary.

Bill-Payer volunteers needed

Minuteman Home Care offers a Money Management Assistance Program to help senior citizens write checks and balance checkbooks. Call 272-7177 and ask for Cathy Papazian or Evelyn Higley.

Food Stamps

Call the COA at 646-1000, Ext. 4720 or stop in for some easy to read information about food stamps for the elderly to find out more about food stamps and learn if you may be eligible to receive them.

Also, call Project Bread's free Food Stamp Information Line at 1-800-645-8333, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a confidential food stamp eligibility screening.

Spare Time?

The Arlington COA needs you. We currently have volunteer openings in our Friendly Visitor Program.

"Friendly Visitors" visit homebound elders once a week for a minimum of one hour to provide companionship.

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The Winchester Police Association would like to thank the residents of Winchester and the surrounding area who supported the officers during their 3rd Annual Bentley Brothers Circus.

Thanks to a terrific response the circus was a great success. We would also like to thank the many individuals and businesses who sponsored children from the area youth agencies to see the show as their guest. Your support was greatly appreciated.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you again.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

■ At 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 6, police arrested a 55-year-old Lennon Road man and charged him with threatening to commit a crime. According to police, the man, reportedly in a drunken condition, verbally threatened his wife and family. He was also verbally abusive with them, according to police. He had been brought into court the previous day for family trouble.

■ On Thursday, July 7 at 6:20 p.m., a 14-year-old Gardner Street youth was arrested on a Child in Need of Services warrant. According to police, the girl had reportedly run away from home to her grandmother's house because of problems with her mother but according to her parents, she never showed up at her grandmother's. Police said they apprehended her in the front yard of her parent's home.

■ Police arrested a 47-year-old Woodbury Street man July 8 at 4:30 p.m. and charged him with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and for committing a traffic violation. Police pulled the man over for running a red light at the Mass Ave. and Foster Street intersection and discovered he was driving with a suspended license, police said.

■ A 20-year-old Everett man was arrested by police on Saturday, July 9 at 3:05 a.m. and charged with driving without a license while under the influence of alcohol. According to police, when the man attempted to turn left

onto Bow Street from Forest Street, he reportedly drove over the curb.

■ A 26-year-old Morris Street man, was arrested on Friday, July 8 at 8:25 p.m. on an outstanding warrant from Plymouth police department charging him with disorderly conduct. Police reportedly sighted the man at Hurd Field, did a license check and made the arrest, police said.

■ On Saturday July 9 at 2:20 a.m., a 13-year-old Cambridge male was arrested and charged with attempting to commit a felony, attempting to commit a crime and breaking and entering, police said. According to police, the Plymouth Street youth attempted to steal a bike from a Gray Street resident garage but when the male owner restrained him by grabbing his t-shirt, the youth dropped the bike and fled. Police later arrested the youth on these charges.

■ On Friday July 8 at 10:33 p.m., a 38-year-old Sorenson Street man was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and with leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage. Police report that the man fled the scene after allegedly striking a car from behind while driving along Forest Street. His car reportedly later stalled near Heard Road where police arrested him. The man was reportedly under the influence of alcohol, police said.

■ A 14-year-old Franklin Street male was arrested on an outstanding warrant charging him with transporting alcohol as a minor and the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Police report that the boy's father brought his son to the police station where they made the arrest at 12:20 p.m., Sunday, July 10, police said.

■ Police arrested Richard Vito Laraocca, a 24-year-old Exeter Street

man, and charged him with one count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on July 8 at 3:10 p.m. According to police, Laraocca and his girlfriend were reportedly engaged in a verbal argument when he allegedly threw a soup bowl at the wall, hitting her in the wrist and causing a laceration. His girlfriend was treated at Symmes Hospital and released, police said.

VANDALISM

■ Vandalism at the Arlington Freshman Building was reported to police on Thursday, July 7 at 7 a.m. Six windows were reportedly broken.

LARCENIES & BREAK-INS

■ A break-in at a Beverly Road address was reported to police on Thursday, July 7 at 11:44 a.m. According to the owner, an 8x10 Oriental rug valued at \$2,000, a 2x4 Oriental rug valued at \$400 and an office chair valued at \$50 were reportedly taken. Police report that there was no sign of forced entry.

■ Tuesday, July 5 at 7:10 a.m. a business on Park Avenue was reportedly broken into and approximately \$35 was stolen from the cash register. Entry was gained by using the rear window, police report.

MISCELLANEOUS

■ Police reported that at 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, a white male in his mid-twenties driving a red compact car allegedly drove alongside a female jogger running east along Westminster

Avenue and asked if she wanted a ride. When she began to respond to his question she noticed that the driver wasn't wearing any clothing. The jogger later saw the man again, this time at the intersection of Westminster Avenue and Westmoreland Street. The driver pulled up alongside her and reportedly said: "Have you ever run naked in the rain?" At 6:35 a.m., police responded to a number of complaints of a man in his mid-twenties running naked around Westmoreland and Lowell streets. When police later apprehended the man in his red sports car, the man reportedly told police that he was going to go for a swim in the reservoir, police said.

■ Between the dates of July 2 and July 6, two white male teen-agers were allegedly peeing into a woman's Beacon Street apartment each night around midnight. This reportedly occurred on three separate occasions, police said. The youths would arrive approximately 15 minutes after the female resident arrived home.

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ARLINGTON NEWS

FIDELITY HOUSE

Preschool summer program

Fidelity House's Preschool program will be offering seven one-week sessions beginning July 5. The program will run Monday through Friday, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Age appropriate activities to be offered include music, arts and crafts, nature activities, story-time and more. The fee for each week is \$50. Children 2 years and 9 months through 5 years old are welcome.

Kindergarten camp

Fidelity House's Kindergarten camp continues through Aug. 12. Arts and crafts, games, sports, swimming instructions by American Red Cross certified instructors, special field trips and events are planned. Many of the activities will take place at Minuteman Technical High School in Lexington. The program meets from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an option for extended care until 5:30 p.m. Children entering kindergarten or those who have just completed kindergarten are welcome. There is limited enrollment for each session. Enrollment is on a first come, first served basis.

Julie O'Connor, the Kindergarten Camp director, received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Fitchburg State and has worked at Fidelity House Day Camp for the past three years.

NEWS NOTES



Parents' group meets for mutual support

Everyday pressures on parents can sometimes seem unbearable. Parents who find themselves yelling at their children often, and feeling like they demand more than they can give can talk with other parents and have a supportive place to share concerns with Parents Anonymous.

The group meets in Arlington on Thursday evenings and is free. For more information call (800) 882-1250.

There are limited openings in the 39th Fidelity House Day Camp which is open to 6- to 13-year-olds. Most of the camp activities are held at Minuteman Regional Technical High School in Lexington. The facilities include an Olympic-size swimming pool, spacious athletic fields for outdoor recreational play/nature activities and indoor facilities for inclement weather.

There are two two-week sessions remaining. Single week registrations are also accepted. Camp runs Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an option for extended care until 6:30 p.m. For more information on this or any other program, visit Fidelity House or call 648-2005.

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FIRE REPORT



Fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations on Sunday, July 3: at a Rublee Street address at 6:35 a.m. and a Pleasant Street address at 6:36 a.m. Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on July 3: at a Kimball Road address at 6:49 a.m., at a Melrose Street address at 9:46 a.m., at a Newport Street address at 1:09 p.m., at an Oakland Avenue address at 2:43 p.m., and an Inverness Road address at 8:15 p.m. Fire alarms were responded to by fire officials at the following addresses on July 3: at an address at Pleasant and Lakeview Avenue at 1:06 a.m. and at an address at Beacon at Phillips at 9:28 p.m.

Fire officials conducted an investigation at the following location on Monday, July 4: at a Pleasant Street address at 9:18 a.m. Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on July 4: at a Melrose Street address at 3:11 p.m., at a Venner Road address at 6:43 p.m. and at a Colonial Village Drive address at 7:15 p.m. A fire alarm was responded to by fire officials at an address at Madnock Road at 11:24 p.m.

Fire officials responded to an accident in Lexington on Tuesday, July 5 at 8:57 a.m. and an outside fire at a Sunnyside Avenue address at 11:05 a.m. and a Fremont Court address at 6:38 p.m. A medical emergency at the following location was responded to by firefighters on July 5: at a Westminster Avenue address at 8:32 p.m. Fire officials conducted an investigation at the following location on July 5: at a Colonial Village Drive address at 6 p.m.

A fire alarm at a Summer Street address was responded to by firefighters on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:49 a.m. Fire officials responded to an outside fire at a Spy Pond address at 8:38 a.m. on July 6. Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters July 6: at a Mill Street address at 11:42 a.m., at a Menotomy Road address at 4:19 p.m. and at a Fairmont Street address at 5:18 p.m.

Fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations on July 6: at a Jefferson Cutter House address at 2:49 p.m., at a Whittemore Park address at 3:59 p.m., at a Hamilton Road address at 5:39 p.m., and at a Kensington Park address at 10:06 p.m. A fire alarm at a Mass. Ave. address was responded to by fire officials on July 6 at 4:07 p.m. Firefighters responded to an accident at the corner of Park Avenue and Appleton Street on July 6 at 7:38 p.m.

Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on Thursday, July 7: at a Menotomy Road address at 6:33 a.m., at a Freeman Street address at 8:42 a.m., at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Swan at 8:47 a.m., at a Drake Road address at 9:22 a.m., at a Mystic Street address at 2:49 p.m. and at a Tufts Street address at 3:59 p.m. Fire alarms were responded to by firefighters at the following locations on July 7: at a Mystic Street address at 2:49 p.m., at Symmes Hospital at 3:28 p.m., at the Mystic Towers at 6:40 p.m. and at a Ridge Street address at 10:51 p.m. Fire officials responded to a fallen wire at a Park Avenue address on July 7 at 9:14 a.m.

Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on Friday, July 8: at a Medford Street address at 12:40 p.m. and at an Exeter Street address at 5:03 p.m. Fire officials conducted an investigation at a Sylvia Street address at 3:19 p.m. on July 8.

Fire officials conducted investigations at the following locations on Saturday, July 9: at a Pleasant Street address at 9:27 a.m., at a Pleasant Street address at 6:08 p.m. and at a Mass. Ave. address at 9:24 a.m. Medical emergencies at the following locations were responded to by fire officials on July 9: at a Drake Road address at 3:04 a.m., at a Gardner Street address at 3:39 a.m. and at a Bailey Road address at 10:30 a.m. Fire alarms at the following locations were responded to by firefighters on Saturday, July 9: at a Summer Street address along the Lexington line at 4 a.m. and at a Claremont Avenue address at 10:13 a.m. Fire officials responded to a wire down at a Jean Road address on July 9 at 6 a.m.

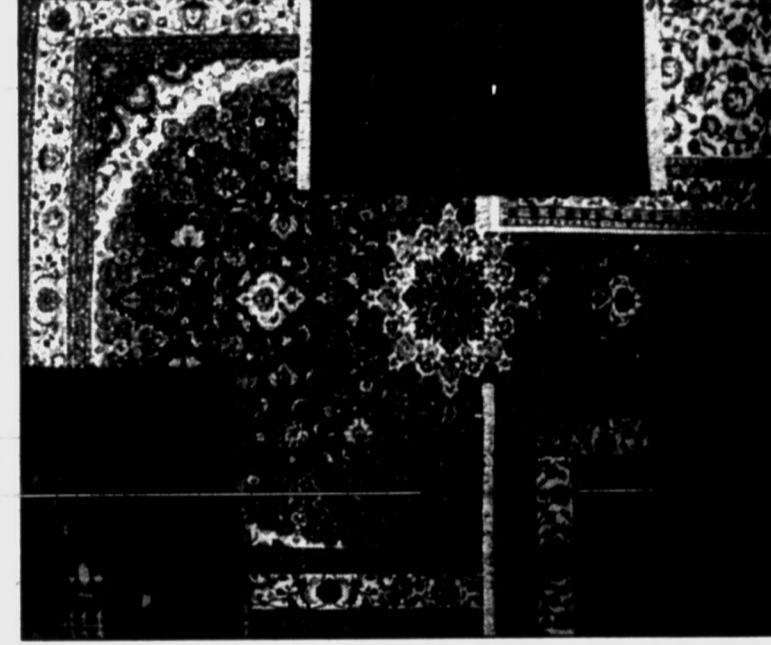
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Editorial

Offensive driving

One of the relics of an earlier, more hopeful time is the concept of "defensive driving." Does anyone recall this quaint term? For a brief moment in American history there was a notion floating around that we could educate ourselves and our compatriots to think of the experience of driving a car as a defensive exercise. We would be always attentive to our fellow drivers, always ready to ensure our own safety by watching out for the safety of others, and more inclined to yield than to cut in.

There are parts of the country where you still see vestiges of politeness on the roadways, but overall, and especially in the Boston area, "defensive driving" has not taken root. It is not part of the local custom. In fact, the school of thought that has prevailed here is just the opposite: to survive in local traffic you had better not let yourself get taken advantage of. The best defense — the only defense — is a good offense. If you are not an offensive driver in Massachusetts, you must be a pansy.

Maybe some of the fault lies with driver education classes. Most of us were introduced to defensive driving at precisely the time in our lives where we had learned through 10 or 11 years of education just how to tune out all that adult nonsense about responsible this or that. By age 16 we'd wised up to the gap between what adults were telling us and what they were actually doing. We didn't see much nice, responsible driving out there on the real life highways.

But more likely, the problem goes deeper. For all the good intentions of drivers' ed theorists, automobiles are simply not the kind of machines that encourage respect for the rights of others. They are individual affirmations of our need to get somewhere, and to get there fast. They are built for speed. They make us think transportation should be effortless — and would be, if only everyone else would get out of our way.

Cars are by nature aggressive instruments. And since each of us has at least a little bit of aggression in us, we often find ourselves releasing it on the road. Every perceived slight brings us close to the point of retaliation. When we're outside of our cars, we see the behavior for what it is: rudeness, hostility, a mild form of craziness. But when we get into the driver's seat we fall into that same old delusion: that we are *in control*.

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The reason there can be no effective political movement against offensive drivers is because the enemy is us. We are, almost all of us, drivers. How do we save ourselves from ourselves?

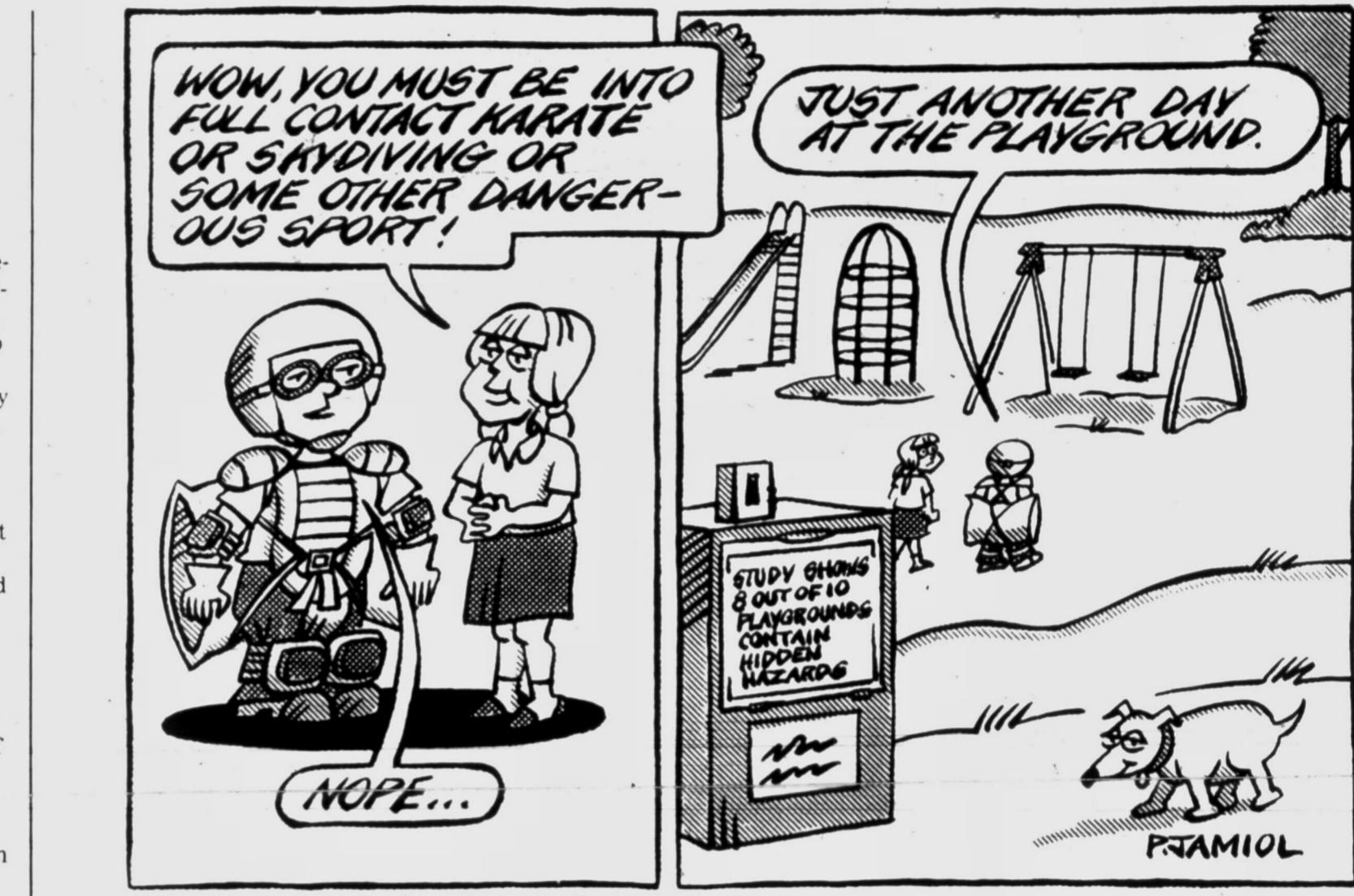
Nevertheless, Monday night's Selectman's meeting was notable for being taken up with more than the usual amount of pleading for measures to do something about the onslaught of traffic. About a dozen people showed up to press for a traffic light to be installed on Medford Street, near the Parallel Playground. Parents in the area are worried that children have no safe way to cross the street to get to the playground. One resident said the street gets an ever-increasing amount of truck traffic and fast cars. "I've lived on Medford Street for 30 years, and it's (gotten) bad," she said. A Park Avenue resident asked for a new sign and even a mirror to be installed near his driveway. He told the board the traffic is so relentless he feels he's taking his life in his hands every morning when he attempts to back out of the drive.

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And what are we to make of this? A mild-mannered editor of a local newspaper is making his way to work Tuesday morning and endeavors to cross Massachusetts Avenue at the crosswalk between Library Way and Water Street. Halfway across, he nearly gets mowed down by what we would in our sensitive moments refer to as a "mature" driver. Oblivious to the nearby sign stating that state law requires drivers to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk, the old geez — uh, the mature fellow, leans on his horn and blasts the editor halfway to Arlington Heights.

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Guest Column

It's the season for survival of the fittest

By Terry Marotta
COLUMNIST

Things are heating up out there now! Back in my younger days, I used to react to the heat by passing out. I struggled against fainting every Sunday from the middle of May 'til the first crisp mornings of October. Of course for years I thought these were religious swoonings. *Wow! I'm a saint!* I'd tell myself moments before the world went black and I woke up under the pews. I fainted at Camp too: tumbled like a boneless bag of laundry out of the lines we formed each day to salute the flag. I even fainted on stage once, at age six after wetting both my pants and the crepe paper costume I wore to play Our Friend the Beet, and went down in soggy puckers at the big finish of "Vegetables on Parade."

These days, though, I don't mind the heat as much. Given the weather this summer, it's a good thing.

Some years ago, when it first struck Science that the Greenhouse Effect was pushing world temperatures up past Broil, there almost seemed a conspiracy to keep the matter secret. I attended a lecture back then, at which an expert discoursed upon this theme, retreated into the position taken by the

wife of the Bishop of Worcester who, on first hearing of Darwin's theory of Evolution said, "Let us hope it is not true, but if it is, let us pray it does not become generally known."

It sure looks true from here. The burning of fuels has made too much carbon dioxide, which traps the heat generated by all the R-rated movies, and causes our little earth to feel like a closed car left all day at the Park-and-Lock.

In time, they say, the polar ice caps will start to melt. Coastal cities will go under. Before you know it, Italy's boot will get more than its toes wet, and Austria will reactivate her navy.

Fossils show that the Great Plains themselves were once under water. If the ice caps really get to melting, they will be soon again. The old Queen Elizabeth, mourning today in dusty exile out west, will creak and lift, and sail once again — a true prairie schooner — over shimmering sections of underwater Interstate.

Maybe we'll sprout gills, and sets of little oar-like fins at our sides, which will serve both to fan us during piano recitals and propel us through the water, like Roman galley slaves, all toiling sweatily to move us from Post Office to the video store.

Last weekend, I actually saw a couple attempt Matrimony in all this heat.

At noon, they looked fairly crisp for their photo session, the bride swaddled in bolts of satin, her head bound up like a beekeeper's in one of those arrangements of hat-plus-swirling-veils. She resembled a larva in the cocoon stage. At her side her groom stood stiffly, three long lines of moisture seeping through the seams of his dove-gray duds. The father paced the sidelines, stiff in his own formal-wear, but calm and in control. He puffed on a cigarette and watched through narrowed eyes at a cloud of attendants in hot-

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pink upholstery fussed with the flowers and plucked at one another's hems.

Three hours later, the heat had caught up with them.

Dancing in an open tent in a baking field at the edge of the hotel property, the party looked grim and defeated. The groom was wet through, and kept calling in a thin hysterical voice for strawberry daiquiris. During "Daddy's Little Girl," the father clung like a drowning victim to his daughter, both arms around her in a death-grip. He was sweating and sobbing mightily, more from discomfort, perhaps, than for sentiment.

Long before the couple donned their Going Away clothes, most of the guests had Gone Away themselves, staggering white-faced toward their cars. The DJ stripped to his undershirt. But the groom kept calling for daiquiris and the bride danced on. I had to give them credit. Like Darwin's survivors, they'd adapted to their environment. It's what we'll all have to do, I guess, 'til the next Ice Age rolls around and grants us a reprieve.

(Terry Marotta's column is a regular feature of Harte-Hanks Community Newspapers.)

Letters to the Editor

Dog patrol on the spot

To the editor:

On June 27, I was out with my dog on a late morning search and rescue for my mother's lost cat. As luck would have it, the dog committed a slight indiscretion on somebody's lawn. Within seconds, a light-blue van began blowing its horn behind me. Three other people across the street and I turned around but not a word was spoken from the van. I continued on up the street back to my house, intending to return with the necessary materials to expunge my dog's transgression. All the while, the van was blowing its horn intermittently. A few seconds later, I was intercepted by two police cruisers and an irate dog inspector who for the first time identified himself as the individual sounding the horn of a vehicle which I did not identify as official. I am a recent transplant from Somerville and had gotten used to city officials communicating verbally with their constituents. After a lengthy tirade about my failure to recognize the dignity of his office, I was given a \$50 fine. Arlington's finest were not sitting idly by. They requested my identification and ran it through their computer. I came up clean as a sheltie's tooth. I feel safe to know that I am now residing in a town with a crime rate so low that two cruisers can be dispatched to the scene of such an incident. Also, taxpayers should be relieved to know that no town funds were apparently expended on civility lessons for its local constabulary. Now I have had a taste of the rough justice that a real felon would get if the police could ever catch one. I suppose that I should just chalk it up to Barney Fife syndrome.

Finally, Anthony, I suggest that you walk down to the Fox Library, check out a book on manners, and use your "gift from God" to learn about important things in life, namely, respect for your elders, empathy, being fair enough to examine all sides of a situation before you comment, and (most importantly) temperance. Having "superior" comprehension does not equate with understanding the essence of a subject or maturity in general. It was highly remiss of your mother not to educate you on these topics before she encouraged you to "unleash your tiresome opinions on the world." Then again, having read some of her letters, it occurs to me that she has as much need to learn about these sub-

Comprehension and maturity

To the editor:

I would like to comment on Anthony Bernacchi's recent letters in this column:

Anthony, I find your opinions regarding Mr. Yood highly disrespectful and quite rude. There are many Advocate readers who don't care one bit about your opinions as you appear to assume we all do. I had the good fortune of having both Mr. Yood and Mr. Tassone as my teachers in junior high school years ago. Mr. Tassone is a great teacher and I was glad that he came to Mr. Yood's defense. Mr. Yood is an excellent teacher as well and possessed none of the qualities you described in your letters. Whatever his bone of contention was, I'm sure he had a good reason for it. (You may note, Anthony, I am referring to a subject to which I don't know all the sides, just as you did in your letter. Rather annoying, isn't it?) Regardless of his position on any subject, as an adult and teacher in our community, he deserves more respect from anyone in your age group than he has received from you.

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A coach's appreciation

To the editor:

This is a letter of thanks to the Arlington Avengers and their parents. For the last four seasons, I have had the privilege of coaching the finest group of boys a coach could want. Our first season, the fall of 1992, was an experience with a record of 0-7-3. We, as a team, learned a lot that season. We improved each and every game. We finished the season with the three ties, so we had momentum going into the spring season. I always made sure that each boy played more than the allotted time defined by the Bays rules. I always wanted the team to have fun and learn about soccer.

The team continued to improve every season. We went from 0-7-3 to 5-3-1 and a tournament championship. The spring of 1994 season, the Avengers had many firsts as a team. Our first tournament championship, Jimmy Censabella and Kevin Ziomek scored their first goals. David Geldart scored the team's first hat trick against Acton and Dan Johnson scored his first assist.

I would like to say thank you to each member of the team, for putting up with me and my infamous loud voice. The goal-tenders — Alex Chute, Joe Kilduff and Colm Murphy; the defense — Jimmy Censabella, Slater Cram, Timothy Mahoney, Timothy Rivers and Sean Stanton. The midfielders were Brian Laskey, Patrick Lavin, Brian McGlone and Curtis Minns. The forwards were Brian Cyr, David Geldart, Chris Hoffman, Dan Johnson and Kevin Ziomek.

I also want to thank the parents for all their help, patience, support and understanding in letting me coach "my

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Brian Flaherty
Menotomy Road

jects as you do. Your time would be better spent on trying to improve this world than tearing someone else down. Please don't respond to this letter, I no longer have any interest in what you have to say.

Cynthia Cusolito
Varnum Street

A poem

To the editor:

Thank you for bringing us the latest episode of the ongoing Anthony Bernacchi show. May I offer the following observations:

Mark Anthony!

Bernacchi, prodigiously blessed, has put his proud brains to the test. He's clobbered but good Tassone and Yood — How Veral the views he's expressed!

Dorian Brooks
Gloucester Street

History comes alive

To the editor:

Where was Bill Meikle when we Baby Boomers were suffering the fate of learning history by date?

Thank you to Benjamin J. Ardito for giving us such a crisp reporter's view of the walking tour in which Ben Franklin's Boston is recreated.

How I love a good "gossipy" biographical sketch.

Sad to say, our schools have provided us with too few memorable biographical sketches — particularly of women, which I noted in researching my newest book, "The Art of Decision-Making," Lowell House, August 1994.

As such, I am always fascinated to read about those who bring history alive.

Rita E. Watson
Woodbury, Conn.